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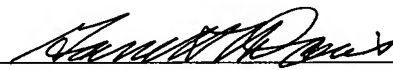
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures listed on attached Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in the subject application.

The enclosed documents were cited in Applicants' corresponding Chinese application, and a copy of the Communication from the Chinese Patent Office dated January 4, 2008 is enclosed. U.S. 2002/0165288 and JP 2000-63527, which were cited in the Communication from the Chinese Patent Office, are not enclosed since they were previously submitted to the Patent Office at the time of filing.

CN 1466469 corresponds to WO 02/20068.

Since the enclosed documents were cited in the Communication from the Chinese Patent Office not more than three months prior to the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, and/or are being submitted prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of these documents. However, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may become due in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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